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**GOVERNOR MUSGROVE PRESENTS \$450,000 GRANT TO CITY OF OLIVE
BRANCH**

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced a Public Facilities Grant to the City of Olive Branch. The funds are awarded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). In a special presentation held at the Wesson House, Governor Musgrove presented the Honorable Samuel P. Rikard, Mayor of Olive Branch, with a check for \$450,000 for water improvements benefiting the community.

“The Public Facilities Grant program is only one way that the state of Mississippi supports our local leaders with community improvements and economic development efforts. We are striving to provide each community with the tools they need to grow and prosper for the good of all of our citizens,” said Governor Musgrove.

“We are very pleased to be the recipient of this grant which will help us bring much needed water improvements to our town,” said Mayor Rikard. “It is always refreshing to work with the Governor and the Mississippi Development Authority who understand and recognize the needs of communities.”

In addition to the CDBG program, MDA’s Community Services Division also assists communities in analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, involving their leadership in economic development, planning development strategies, strengthening development organizations and implementing and financing community projects. The Community Services Division also administers other Economic Development grant and loan programs.

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